

## CLAIMS

1. A message delivery system having a client system acquiring a delivery message from a server unit by requesting to transmit the delivery message in the server unit in compliance with a notification from the server unit,

5 wherein the client system includes a received message storing means for storing delivery message information received from the server unit, and an instruction and message acquisition requesting means for informing the server unit of a succeeding message acquiring request, if a succeeding message is present,  
10 and a process instructing request for the delivery message whose reception is completed when reception of the delivery message from the server unit is completed, and

wherein the server unit includes a delivery message storing means for storing the delivery message to be transmitted  
15 to the client system, and message processing means for transmitting a succeeding message stored in the delivery message storing means to the client system in compliance with a request from the client system and then processing the delivery message whose reception is completed.

2. The message delivery system according to claim 1, wherein, by instructing to delete from the delivery message storing means of the server unit as the process for the delivery message whose reception is completed,

5 the message processing means deletes the delivery

message, which is informed by the client system and whose reception is completed, from the delivery message storing means in compliance with an instruction from the client system.

3. The message delivery system according to claim 2,  
wherein the server unit holds the delivery message stored in the delivery message storing means until its deletion is instructed by the client system, and then transmits the same delivery message once again when it receives an acquiring  
5 request from the client system.

4. The message delivery system according to claim 1,  
wherein the server unit further includes a processed message storing means for storing the messages delivered to the client system, and  
5 wherein, by instructing to move from the delivery message storing means of the server unit as the process for the delivery message whose reception is completed,  
the message processing means moves the delivery message, which is informed by the client system and whose reception is  
10 completed, from the delivery message storing means to the processed message storing means in compliance with an instruction from the client system.

5. The message delivery system according to claim 4,  
wherein the server unit holds the delivery message

stored in the delivery message storing means until its movement  
is instructed by the client system, and then transmits the same  
5 delivery message once again when it receives an acquiring  
request from the client system.

6. A message delivery system according to claim 1, further  
comprising:

a message instruction requesting means for informing  
the server unit of only a process instruction request for the  
5 delivery message whose reception is completed when there is no  
succeeding message.